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PROBABILISTIC HYDROLOGIC OUTLOOK
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHICAGO/ROMEDEVILLE IL
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...2016 SPRING FLOOD AND WATER OUTLOOK NUMBER 2...

THIS OUTLOOK IS FOR STREAMS WITHIN THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHICAGO HYDROLOGIC SERVICE AREA...WHICH INCLUDES ILLINOIS RIVER TRIBUTARIES IN NORTHEAST ILLINOIS AND NORTHWEST INDIANA. IT INCLUDES THE ILLINOIS RIVER DOWN TO LA SALLE. IT ALSO INCLUDES STREAMS WITHIN THE ROCK RIVER BASIN IN NORTH CENTRAL ILLINOIS AND THE ROCK RIVER FROM ROCKTON DOWN TO DIXON ILLINOIS. THIS OUTLOOK IS FOR THE TIME PERIOD FROM EARLY MARCH THROUGH LATE MAY.

..OUTLOOK BRIEF SUMMARY...

BASED ON CURRENT CONDITIONS...THERE IS A SLIGHTLY GREATER THAN NORMAL RISK OF FLOODING THIS SPRING WITHIN THE KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN. ELSEWHERE...THE RISK OF FLOODING THIS SPRING RANGES FROM NEAR NORMAL TO NORMAL. THE AMOUNT OF RAINFALL OR ADDITIONAL SNOW AND SUBSEQUENT SNOWMELT IN THE COMING WEEKS WILL DETERMINE THE SEVERITY OF ANY FUTURE FLOODING.

THIS SPRING OUTLOOK IS BASED ON HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS INCLUDING THE CURRENT SOIL MOISTURE...SNOWPACK...AND STREAMFLOW CONDITIONS AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS CAN CHANGE RAPIDLY DURING LATE WINTER AND EARLY SPRING. THESE OUTLOOKS ARE ISSUED EACH LATE WINTER AND EARLY SPRING IN ADDITION TO THE 7 DAY RIVER FORECASTS THAT ARE ISSUED WHEN RIVER FORECAST LOCATIONS ARE IN FLOOD OR ARE FORECAST TO RISE ABOVE FLOOD STAGE.

...CURRENT SNOW COVER AND WATER EQUIVALENT...

AS OF MARCH 3...SNOW DEPTHS AVERAGED BETWEEN 1 AND 4 INCHES WITH THE DEEPER SNOWPACK NEAR THE WISCONSIN STATE LINE. WATER EQUIVALENT OF THE SNOWPACK WAS GENERALLY LESS THAN 0.5 INCH.

...PAST TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION...

FALL OF 2015 CONCLUDED WITH ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURES. PRECIPITATION THIS PAST FALL OVER MOST OF NORTHEAST AND NORTH CENTRAL ILLINOIS WAS ABOVE NORMAL. IN EARLY FALL...THERE WAS AN EXTENDED DRY PERIOD FROM MID SEPTEMBER TO THE END OF OCTOBER. NOVEMBER EXPERIENCED WELL ABOVE NORMAL PRECIPITATION. SOME LOCATIONS EXPERIENCED 200 PERCENT OF NORMAL IN NOVEMBER. DUE TO THE DRY START OF FALL 2015...SOME LOCATIONS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS WERE CONSIDERED ABNORMALLY DRY BY THE END OF OCTOBER. HOWEVER...SOIL MOISTURE WAS QUICKLY REPLENISHED AFTER HEAVY PRECIPITATION DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. WINTER PRECIPITATION WAS HEAVY IN LATE DECEMBER WHEN HEAVY RAIN FELL ACROSS THE AREA AND RESULTED IN WIDESPREAD FLOODING. THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE PRECIPITATION FOR DECEMBER WAS 6.70 INCHES...WHICH WAS 4.01 INCHES ABOVE AVERAGE. TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR METEOROLOGICAL WINTER WHICH ENDED ON FEBRUARY 29...WERE ABOVE NORMAL. SNOWFALL...HOWEVER... WAS WELL BELOW NORMAL.

...SOIL MOISTURE AND FROST DEPTH...

ALTHOUGH SOIL MOISTURE WAS BELOW NORMAL AT THE START OF FALL...HEAVY RAINFALL IN DECEMBER BEFORE THE GROUND FROZE...QUICKLY RECHARGED SOIL MOISTURE. SNOWFALL OVER THE KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN IN EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS AND NORTHWEST INDIANA INCREASED THE SOIL MOISTURE IN RECENT WEEKS. ELSEWHERE...SOIL MOISTURE IS CURRENTLY ESTIMATED TO RANGE FROM NEAR NORMAL TO ABOVE NORMAL. FROST DEPTHS RANGED FROM 2 TO 6 INCHES WITHIN AREAS THAT BORDER THE WISCONSIN STATE LINE. ELSEWHERE...FROST DEPTHS RANGED FROM ZERO TO AROUND 1 INCH.

...RIVER CONDITIONS...

STREAMFLOW WAS ABOVE NORMAL ON PORTIONS OF THE IROQUOIS AND KANKAKEE RIVERS WHERE WATER LEVELS HAD EXPERIENCED RISES DUE TO RECENT SNOWMELT. ELSEWHERE...STREAMFLOW WAS NEAR NORMAL.

...WEATHER OUTLOOKS...

THE 6 TO 10 DAY OUTLOOK VALID FROM MARCH 8 TO MARCH 12 INDICATES GREATER THAN NORMAL CHANCES FOR ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURES AND ABOVE NORMAL PRECIPITATION. THE LATEST OUTLOOK FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH INDICATES GREATER THAN NORMAL CHANCES FOR ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURES AND EQUAL CHANCES OF ABOVE OR BELOW NORMAL PRECIPITATION.

...FLOOD POTENTIAL SUMMARY...

BASED ON CURRENT CONDITIONS...THERE IS A SLIGHTLY GREATER THAN NORMAL RISK OF FLOODING THIS SPRING WITHIN THE KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN. ELSEWHERE...THE RISK OF FLOODING THIS SPRING RANGES FROM NEAR NORMAL TO NORMAL.

THE AMOUNT OF RAINFALL OR ADDITIONAL SNOW AND SUBSEQUENT SNOWMELT IN THE COMING WEEKS WILL DETERMINE THE SEVERITY OF ANY FUTURE FLOODING.

IN TABLE 1 BELOW...THE CURRENT (CS) AND HISTORICAL (HS) OR NORMAL PROBABILITIES OF EXCEEDING MINOR...MODERATE...AND MAJOR FLOOD STAGES ARE LISTED FOR THE VALID TIME PERIOD.

CS VALUES INDICATE THE PROBABILITY OF REACHING A FLOOD CATEGORY BASED ON CURRENT CONDITIONS.

HS VALUES INDICATE THE PROBABILITY OF REACHING A FLOOD CATEGORY BASED ON HISTORICAL OR NORMAL CONDITIONS.

WHEN THE VALUE OF CS IS MORE THAN HS...THE PROBABILITY OF EXCEEDING THAT LEVEL IS HIGHER THAN NORMAL. WHEN THE VALUE OF CS IS LESS THAN HS...THE PROBABILITY OF EXCEEDING THAT LEVEL IS LOWER THAN NORMAL.

...TABLE 1--PROBABILITIES FOR MINOR...MODERATE AND MAJOR FLOODING...
VALID PERIOD: 03/06/2016 - 06/04/2016

	:	CURRENT AND HISTORICAL
	:	CHANCES OF EXCEEDING
	:	FLOOD CATEGORIES
	:	AS A PERCENTAGE (%)
CATEGORICAL	:	

LOCATION	FLOOD MINOR	STAGES MOD	(FT) MAJOR	:	MINOR CS	HS	MODERATE CS	HS	MAJOR CS	HS
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:HART DITCH										
DYER	12.0	13.0	14.0	:	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
:THORN CREEK										
THORNTON	10.0	15.0	16.0	:	7	6	<5	<5	<5	<5
:LITTLE CALUMET RIVER										
MUNSTER	12.0	14.0	17.0	:	32	36	14	18	<5	<5
SOUTH HOLLAND	16.5	18.0	20.0	:	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
:KANKAKEE RIVER										
DUNNS BRIDGE	10.0	12.0	13.0	:	24	31	<5	6	<5	<5
KOUTS	11.0	13.0	14.0	:	25	32	<5	6	<5	<5
SHELBY	9.0	11.0	12.5	:	87	78	34	39	14	16
MOMENCE	5.0	6.5	9.0	:	32	34	12	13	<5	<5
:IROQUOIS RIVER										
RENSSELAER	12.0	14.0	15.0	:	28	34	9	10	8	8
FORESMAN	18.0	22.0	24.0	:	22	22	<5	<5	<5	<5
IROQUOIS	18.0	24.0	25.0	:	52	52	<5	6	<5	<5
:SUGAR CREEK										
MILFORD	18.0	22.0	26.0	:	51	48	12	14	<5	<5
:IROQUOIS RIVER										
CHEBANSE	16.0	18.0	20.0	:	16	14	7	9	<5	6
:KANKAKEE RIVER										
WILMINGTON	6.5	8.0	10.0	:	15	19	8	8	<5	<5
:DES PLAINES RIVER										
RUSSELL	7.0	9.0	10.0	:	56	63	<5	7	<5	<5
GURNEE	7.0	9.0	11.0	:	44	46	<5	9	<5	<5
LINCOLNSHIRE	12.5	14.0	15.5	:	17	23	<5	9	<5	<5
DES PLAINES	15.0	18.0	19.0	:	20	23	<5	9	<5	<5
RIVER FOREST	16.0	17.5	18.5	:	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
RIVERSIDE	7.0	8.0	9.0	:	18	19	<5	11	<5	<5
LEMONT	10.0	11.0	12.0	:	49	45	15	18	<5	6
:W BR DU PAGE RIVER										
WARRENVILLE	11.5	14.5	17.5	:	21	20	<5	<5	<5	<5
:EAST BRANCH DU PAGE RIVER										
BOLINGBROOK	19.5	21.0	23.0	:	47	47	14	11	<5	<5
:DU PAGE RIVER										
PLAINFIELD	12.0	14.0	15.0	:	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
SHOREWOOD	6.5	8.0	10.0	:	8	8	<5	<5	<5	<5
:MAZON RIVER										
COAL CITY	12.0	14.0	17.0	:	16	18	5	<5	<5	<5
:FOX RIVER										
ALGONQUIN TAILWAT	9.5	10.5	12.0	:	56	61	32	39	15	20
MONTGOMERY	13.0	14.0	15.0	:	43	49	8	14	<5	<5
DAYTON	12.0	14.0	24.0	:	31	42	16	14	<5	<5
:VERMILION RIVER										
PONTIAC	14.0	15.0	18.0	:	17	17	11	12	<5	<5
LEONORE	16.0	21.0	26.0	:	36	39	10	11	<5	<5
:PECATONICA RIVER										
SHIRLAND	12.0	14.0	15.5	:	37	40	10	12	<5	<5
:ROCK RIVER										
ROCKTON	10.0	11.0	14.0	:	18	26	13	13	<5	<5
LATHAM PARK	10.0	11.0	14.0	:	18	26	12	13	<5	<5
ROCKFORD	9.0	10.0	11.0	:	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
:KISHWAUKEE RIVER										
BELVIDERE	9.0	10.0	12.0	:	8	13	<5	6	<5	<5

:SOUTH BRANCH KISHWAUKEE RIVER									
DE KALB	10.0	11.0	12.5	:	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
:KISHWAUKEE RIVER									
PERRYVILLE	12.0	18.0	22.0	:	31	41	<5	<5	<5
:ROCK RIVER									
BYRON	13.0	14.0	16.0	:	20	20	13	13	<5
DIXON	16.0	18.0	20.0	:	14	16	7	11	<5
:ILLINOIS RIVER									
MORRIS	16.0	18.0	22.0	:	35	38	20	22	<5
OTTAWA	463.0	466.0	469.0	:	27	33	14	16	5
LA SALLE	20.0	27.0	31.0	:	76	69	14	17	<5

LEGEND

CS = CONDITIONAL SIMULATION (CURRENT OUTLOOK)

HS = HISTORICAL SIMULATION

FT = FEET

IN TABLE 2 BELOW...THE 95 THROUGH 5 PERCENT COLUMNS INDICATE THE PROBABILITY OF EXCEEDING THE LISTED STAGE LEVELS (FT) FOR THE VALID TIME PERIOD.

...TABLE 2--EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITIES...

LOCATION	CHANCE OF EXCEEDING STAGES AT SPECIFIC LOCATIONS						
	VALID PERIOD: 03/06/2016 - 06/04/2016						
	95%	90%	75%	50%	25%	10%	5%
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:HART DITCH							
DYER	3.7	3.7	4.6	5.7	6.7	7.7	8.2
:THORN CREEK							
THORNTON	4.6	4.8	5.6	6.5	8.0	9.6	10.6
:LITTLE CALUMET RIVER							
MUNSTER	8.7	9.2	9.9	10.9	12.5	14.5	15.0
SOUTH HOLLAND	9.5	9.7	11.0	12.2	13.8	14.6	15.1
:KANKAKEE RIVER							
DUNNS BRIDGE	7.0	7.3	8.2	8.9	9.9	10.5	10.9
KOUTS	8.1	8.4	9.4	10.1	11.0	11.6	12.1
SHELBY	8.3	8.7	9.4	10.6	11.2	12.9	13.9
MOMENCE	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.6	5.1	7.1	8.3
:IROQUOIS RIVER							
RENSSELAER	7.0	8.5	9.7	10.9	12.2	13.4	17.9
FOESMAN	12.3	13.1	14.6	16.2	17.9	19.7	21.5
IROQUOIS	13.1	13.9	15.8	18.0	21.4	22.3	23.9
:SUGAR CREEK							
MILFORD	11.2	12.9	16.6	18.0	20.0	22.4	24.3
:IROQUOIS RIVER							
CHEBANSE	8.1	9.6	10.4	12.3	15.2	16.6	20.0
:KANKAKEE RIVER							
WILMINGTON	3.1	3.4	4.3	5.0	5.9	7.0	8.9
:DES PLAINES RIVER							
RUSSELL	4.1	5.0	6.1	7.1	7.6	7.8	8.1
GURNEE	3.2	3.6	5.1	6.4	7.6	8.0	8.4
LINCOLNSHIRE	7.5	8.0	9.4	10.3	11.9	13.0	13.7
DES PLAINES	9.4	10.3	11.7	13.4	14.6	16.7	17.9
RIVER FOREST	6.0	7.2	9.7	11.4	12.9	14.3	15.2
RIVERSIDE	3.6	4.1	5.2	6.3	6.8	7.6	8.0

LEMONT	7.1	7.7	8.9	9.9	10.6	11.5	11.8
:W BR DU PAGE RIVER							
WARRENVILLE	9.2	9.3	9.7	10.5	11.3	11.9	12.4
:EAST BRANCH DU PAGE RIVER							
BOLINGBROOK	17.4	17.9	18.8	19.4	20.3	21.2	21.8
:DU PAGE RIVER							
PLAINFIELD	8.3	8.4	9.1	9.8	10.5	11.0	11.5
SHOREWOOD	3.4	3.7	4.4	5.0	5.9	6.3	7.1
:MAZON RIVER							
COAL CITY	3.7	4.9	7.7	9.7	11.0	13.1	14.0
:FOX RIVER							
ALGONQUIN TAILWAT	7.0	7.4	8.6	9.6	10.9	12.8	13.9
MONTGOMERY	11.9	12.0	12.6	12.9	13.4	13.9	14.1
DAYTON	7.8	8.1	9.9	11.6	12.5	14.4	15.5
:VERMILION RIVER							
PONTIAC	5.4	6.5	7.5	10.1	12.5	15.6	17.9
LEONORE	8.1	9.6	11.3	14.4	17.9	21.0	22.1
:PECATONICA RIVER							
SHIRLAND	7.9	8.9	9.7	11.4	12.8	14.0	14.3
:ROCK RIVER							
ROCKTON	5.2	5.6	6.2	7.5	9.5	11.8	12.8
LATHAM PARK	5.9	6.2	6.7	7.9	9.5	11.6	12.6
ROCKFORD	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.1	5.5	6.1
:KISHWAUKEE RIVER							
BELVIDERE	2.5	3.0	4.6	5.9	7.7	9.0	9.3
:SOUTH BRANCH KISHWAUKEE RIVER							
DE KALB	4.4	5.1	6.1	7.2	8.5	9.3	9.6
:KISHWAUKEE RIVER							
PERRYVILLE	7.0	7.6	9.2	10.7	12.6	13.7	14.4
:ROCK RIVER							
BYRON	7.9	8.3	9.2	10.7	12.4	14.3	15.0
DIXON	10.3	10.7	11.4	12.8	14.5	16.5	19.5
:ILLINOIS RIVER							
MORRIS	7.8	8.8	12.4	14.5	16.6	20.6	22.0
OTTAWA	459.1	459.3	460.9	461.8	463.1	467.7	469.1
LA SALLE	14.5	16.1	20.1	23.0	24.9	28.5	29.8

IN TABLE 3 BELOW...THE 95 THROUGH 5 PERCENT COLUMNS INDICATE THE PROBABILITY OF FALLING BELOW THE LISTED STAGE LEVELS (FT) FOR THE VALID TIME PERIOD.

...TABLE 3--NONEXCEEDANCE PROBABILITIES...

LOCATION	CHANCE OF FALLING BELOW STAGES AT SPECIFIC LOCATIONS VALID PERIOD: 03/06/2016 - 06/04/2016						
	95%	90%	75%	50%	25%	10%	5%
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:HART DITCH							
DYER	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
:THORN CREEK							
THORNTON	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
:LITTLE CALUMET RIVER							
MUNSTER	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8
SOUTH HOLLAND	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0
:KANKAKEE RIVER							
DUNNS BRIDGE	4.6	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.0

KOUTS	5.5	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.9
SHELBY	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.2	4.8	4.5	4.3
MOMENCE	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6
:IROQUOIS RIVER							
RENSSELAER	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.4
FORESMAN	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.3	5.9	5.7	5.2
IROQUOIS	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.1	5.7	5.4	4.9
:SUGAR CREEK							
MILFORD	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.0
:IROQUOIS RIVER							
CHEBANSE	4.4	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.3	2.9
:KANKAKEE RIVER							
WILMINGTON	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.2
:DES PLAINES RIVER							
RUSSELL	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8
GURNEE	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.5
LINCOLNSHIRE	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.1	6.0
DES PLAINES	8.7	8.6	8.3	8.2	7.9	7.7	7.6
RIVER FOREST	4.8	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.3	2.9	2.6
RIVERSIDE	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6
LEMONT	6.1	6.0	5.7	5.5	5.2	5.1	4.9
:W BR DU PAGE RIVER							
WARRENVILLE	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.1
:EAST BRANCH DU PAGE RIVER							
BOLINGBROOK	14.7	14.6	14.5	14.5	14.4	14.3	14.3
:DU PAGE RIVER							
PLAINFIELD	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.4
SHOREWOOD	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1
:MAZON RIVER							
COAL CITY	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.2	0.5
:FOX RIVER							
ALGONQUIN TAILWAT	6.2	5.7	5.4	5.1	4.9	4.6	4.5
MONTGOMERY	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.3	11.2	11.1	11.0
DAYTON	6.8	6.5	6.2	6.0	5.6	5.3	5.2
:VERMILION RIVER							
PONTIAC	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.8
LEONORE	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.4
:PECATONICA RIVER							
SHIRLAND	7.1	6.5	6.0	5.4	4.9	4.6	4.4
:ROCK RIVER							
ROCKTON	4.9	4.6	4.1	3.3	2.7	2.5	2.4
LATHAM PARK	5.7	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.8
ROCKFORD	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4
:KISHWAUKEE RIVER							
BELVIDERE	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.0
:SOUTH BRANCH KISHWAUKEE RIVER							
DE KALB	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.1
:KISHWAUKEE RIVER							
PERRYVILLE	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.0	5.7	5.6	5.4
:ROCK RIVER							
BYRON	7.5	7.2	6.8	6.2	5.6	5.4	5.2
DIXON	10.0	9.7	9.4	8.9	8.4	8.2	7.9
:ILLINOIS RIVER							
MORRIS	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.6
OTTAWA	458.7	458.7	458.6	458.6	458.5	458.5	458.5
LA SALLE	12.0	11.9	11.7	11.4	11.0	10.9	10.8

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHICAGO OFFICE IN ROMEOVILLE ISSUES LONG RANGE AHPS OUTLOOKS FOR ALL RIVER FORECAST LOCATIONS. THIS PRODUCT IS UPDATED MONTHLY AROUND MID-MONTH. THESE OUTLOOKS ARE ISSUED IN ADDITION TO THE 7 DAY RIVER FORECASTS THAT ARE ISSUED WHEN RIVER FORECAST LOCATIONS ARE IN FLOOD OR FORECAST TO RISE ABOVE FLOOD STAGE.

THIS LONG-RANGE PROBABILISTIC OUTLOOK CONTAINS FORECAST VALUES THAT ARE CALCULATED USING MULTIPLE SEASON SCENARIOS FROM 30 OR MORE YEARS OF CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA INCLUDING CURRENT CONDITIONS OF THE RIVER...SOIL MOISTURE...AND 30 TO 90 DAY LONG-RANGE OUTLOOKS OF TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION.

BY PROVIDING THE COMPLETE RANGE OF PROBABILISTIC NUMBERS...THE LEVEL OF RISK ASSOCIATED WITH LONG-RANGE PLANNING DECISIONS CAN BE DETERMINED. THESE PROBABILISTIC FORECASTS ARE PART OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ADVANCED HYDROLOGIC PREDICTION SERVICE.

...FLOOD TERMINOLOGY...

MINOR FLOODING IS USED TO INDICATE MINIMAL OR NO PROPERTY DAMAGE. HOWEVER SOME PUBLIC INCONVENIENCE IS POSSIBLE.

MODERATE FLOODING IS USED TO INDICATE THE INUNDATION OF SECONDARY ROADS. TRANSFER TO HIGHER ELEVATIONS MAY BE NECESSARY TO SAVE PROPERTY. SOME EVACUATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED.

MAJOR FLOODING IS USED TO INDICATE EXTENSIVE INUNDATION AND PROPERTY DAMAGE USUALLY CHARACTERIZED BY EVACUATION OF PEOPLE AND LIVESTOCK AND CLOSURE OF BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ROADS.

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